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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PATENT APPLICATION

Weller et al.

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HAVING SELF ORGANIZED MAGNETIC ARRAYS

Serial No.: 10/005,244

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED AS SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, having a statutory period for response set to expire on February 2, 2005. In response, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Applicants further request that the amendments included in this Amendment be entered.

The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this Amendment.